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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHRETIEN

1. Attached is a file of correspondence which is self-explanatory. Subsequent to the events listed in my memorandum of 21 August, I cleared the draft statement to the press with Mr. McCone (having already cleared it with Mr. McGeorge Bundy of the White House), and then transmitted it to Secretary Rusk. Secretary Rusk told me at 5:00 p. m. yesterday that he would use the draft statement substantially as written in a background press meeting he was having very shortly. Secretary Rusk felt that if any formal statement had to be made to the press, it would be preferable for the Central Intelligence Agency Press Officer to make it.

2. I want you to obtain the exact phraseology of what Secretary Rusk said yesterday afternoon and let me see it.

3. You are to be prepared to respond to any press inquiries (do not generate any and do not put out a release), with substantially the same statement as appended in my draft or as modified by Secretary Rusk yesterday afternoon, subject to my review, as soon as you have obtained his remarks.

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Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director

Attachments

cc: DCI
Ex Dir
Dr. Abbot Smith
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21 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: News Media Compromise of Willard Mathias paper,
"Trends in the World Situation," dated 19 February 1964

1. Secretary Rusk called me shortly after 1:00 o'clock today to inquire if we had a Sherman Kent working for us (probably with tongue in cheek) and whether or not he had written an article or an estimate indicating that our relationships with the Soviets were getting better and better, and that the only solution for Vietnam was negotiation for neutralization. He said that the Chicago Tribune (subsequently he mentioned the Herald Tribune) stated that they had such a paper and were offering it to their clients for publication Sunday. I told Secretary Rusk that I would look into it immediately, that I did not recognize such a paper but would call him back.

2. Two papers were published on 19 February which come to light at once. The first is NIE 11/9, "Soviet Foreign Policy," which does not address itself to the points mentioned and which, of course, does not mention Sherman Kent. The other paper is a memorandum from the Office of National Estimates, dated 19 February, and written by Mr. Willard Mathias, subject: "Trends in the World Situation," which, under Sherman Kent's signature as Chairman of the Board of National Estimates, was circulated for information. I am obtaining the distribution list for this "Secret" document but anticipate it will be large as well as widespread. It does address itself to the points mentioned by Secretary Rusk.

3. In pointing out the foregoing to Secretary Rusk, he thought it essential that some sort of statement be prepared to respond to press queries as to the validity, authenticity, and level of approval of the paper. It does not seem practical to deny its existence since it appears most likely that the newspaper has a copy at hand.

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4. In subsequent discussions with Abbot Smith, I find that on 9 June Sherman Kent circulated the same study (with minor revisions) for information to a number of people including Secretary Dillon, Assistant Secretary of the Army Paul, and others with the classification "For Official Use Only."

5. I have read the attached draft statement to the press to Secretary Rusk over the telephone and it appears generally to conform to his desires. He is having a backgrounder with some responsible members of the press at 5:00 p.m. this afternoon and would hope to be able to raise this subject with them along the lines of the statement I have drafted.

6. Mr. McGeorge Bundy talked to Abbot Smith on this and is anxious to talk to you as soon as you can call him.

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Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

Attachment

There is a study piece entitled "Trends in the World Situation" which was prepared early this year by Mr. Willard Mathias, a member of the Board of National Estimates, and which was first circulated with a "Secret" classification in the subordinate echelons of government for information on 19 February 1964 by Dr. Sherman Kent, the Chairman of the Board of National Estimates. It was subsequently given wider distribution with the greatly reduced classification of "For Official Use Only." This paper is clearly identified as to authorship and as a "think piece." It was not considered for approval by the United States Intelligence Board, the Director of Central Intelligence, the National Security Council, or any policymaking body of the U. S. Government. The paper therefore does not represent the position of the United States Government. It is commended to your attention, however, as a thought provoking, intelligent and rational analysis of the world situation as it appeared in early February of this year, and represents the type of discussion and idea exchange that is continuous in government, educational institutions, national organizations, and among scholars in general.